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Residence and Travel Controls

1. All persons in Chungking must be registered with the authorities. Although there are no personal identification cards, each family is required to have a family registration book, which must be obtained in person from the district police branch office. The family registration book is a loose leaf notebook eight Chinese inches in width and five Chinese inches in length containing five pages.¹ The name on the cover of the registration book is Chungking City Public Security Bureau Population Registration Book (6850/1987/1579/0361/1344/1444/0086/0656/4098/6068/4689). On the first three pages in the registration book are recorded the name, age, sex, nativity, and education of each member of the family, while the last three pages are used for recording the names of guests living with the family. The names of such guests must be reported to the police by the head of the family. A notice on the last page states that the registration book is subject to check by the census police officers at any time. Criminal records of persons are also entered in the registration book. No alterations of any entries in the book are permitted. If the registration book is lost or if there are any changes to be made in entries in the book, the head of the family must immediately notify the police.
2. A fee of JMP 100 is charged when a registration book is obtained. There is no definite time limit on the validity of the registration book. 25X1
3. No travel permit is required for travel within Szechuan.² However, merchants in Szechuan traveling on business are required to have travel permits. A merchant's travel permit is a document three Chinese inches in width and five Chinese inches in length with a red cover. The name on the cover of the permit is Itinerant Merchant's Permit (5887/0794/6214), and recorded on the pages inside the cover are the holder's name, address, amount of capital, and

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the type of goods with which he is dealing. When applying for a merchant's travel permit, the applicant must have two guarantors whose capital is at least double the capital of the applicant.

Prices

4. There is no black market in Chungking. The price of beef in Chungking is JMP 3,000 per catty, while the price of lard is from JMP 5,000 to JMP 6,000 per catty. Shanghai manufactured cloth costs from JMP 8,000 to JMP 10,000 per Chinese foot in Chungking. Although Soviet manufactured cloth is not available in Chungking, when it is available the cloth costs from JMP 2,000 to JMP 3,000 per Chinese foot.

Industry

5. Factory No. 3 of the Southwest Electric Machines Factory (6007/0589/7193/2894/4574/0005/1681) in Chungking produces batteries, dry cells, cable, spare parts for radios, telephones, and assembled radio transmitters and receivers. Part of the products are sold by the Government-owned trust on the open market, while the remainder of the products are supplied to the military forces. Strict security measures are maintained over the volume of production. Raw materials are supplied to the factory by the Ministry of Industries. There are five or seven Soviet advisors at Factory No. 3, which employs about 520 workers.
6. The Tatuk'ou (1129/3256/0656) Steel Works is at Tatuk'ou, which is approximately 30 kilometers up the Yangtze River from Chungking between Chiulungp'o (0046/7893/0980) and Yutungch'i (0151/3159/3305).³ About 2,000 workers are employed at the Tatuk'ou Steel Works, which manufactures railroad rails and automobile springs. There are Soviet advisors at the steel works.
7. All productive organizations (sic) in Chungking have Soviet advisors. The Soviet advisors are seldom seen in public places.

Locations

8. The Szechuan Provincial Government building is located in Ch'engtu (N 30-40, E 104-04).
9. The Public Security school is at Tz'uch'ik'ou (N 29-38, E 106-25).
10. The Military and Political University is at Shantung (1472/3159),⁴ Linyuan (2651/0954). The Revolutionary University is at Hualungch'iao (0533/7893/2890).
11. The Southwest Technical Corps Training School is at Shap'ingpa (3097/0988/1100), the location of the old Engineering Corps school.
12. The Chungking Municipal Government is in the old Chungking Municipal Government building.⁵
13. The headquarters of the Public Security Bureau is at Chin T'ang (6855/1016) Street, Ling Shih Lane (7325/0057/1574), Jen Min (0086/3046) Road, Chungking.⁶

Comments

1. Residence books, which were about four inches in width and two and one-half inches in length with red covers and containing four pages, were issued to individuals in areas of Northeast China prior to July 1953,
2. a travel permit was not required for civilian travel in northeast Szechuan. Comment. It is alleged that a certificate issued by the Farmers Association is necessary when traveling in the rural areas of Szechuan.

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3. Although Tatuk'ou could not be located on available maps in the area reported, possibly the other places mentioned are Chiulungp'u (N 29-20, E 106-05) and Yutungch'i (N 29-23, E 106-30).
4. The places mentioned in paragraphs 10 and 11 are probably in or near Chungking.
5.  the Chungking government was housed in a new building at Shang Ch'ing Szu (0006/3237/1408) 
6.  the Chungking Public Security Bureau was on the premises formerly occupied by the Nationalist Central Police Bureau on Pao An (0202/1344) Road.

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